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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**JEFFERSON COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR
DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that Steven DENNIS, 34, Madison, Indiana, was sentenced to seven years and six months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker following his guilty plea to distribution of child pornography. This case was the result of a investigation by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In August 2002, after a witness saw child pornography images on DENNIS' computer, a computer forensic examination was done and revealed numerous images of prepubescent children engaging in sexual activity with other children and with adults. The examination also

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showed DENNIS was chatting with several people in chat rooms about sexual interest in children, and the chat room participants traded images with each other. Between the time period of October, 2001 and August, 2002, DENNIS distributed images of child pornography to several other individuals and admitted receiving child pornography images from these and other people.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed 3 years supervised release following DENNIS' imprisonment, and ordered him to make restitution in the amount of \$294. Judge Barker also imposed special conditions which require DENNIS to register as a sex offender and prohibit him from possessing any computers or having unsupervised contact with any minor. Dennis will also agree to forfeit the computer equipment involved in this crime.

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